

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2638**

**George L. Kroh House**

**18315 Peters Avenue**

**White Hall, Baltimore County**

**1856**

**Private**

The George L. Kroh House dates to the mid-19th century settlement of the Seventh District community of White Hall. The Italianate style house was constructed after George L. Kroh purchased the acreage and a paper mill from Levi Rutledge in 1855. The house remained in the Kroh family through the late 19th century, for P.A. Kroh is depicted as the occupant of the dwelling in the 1877 county atlas. As late as 1850, the community of White Hall was home only to a few dwellings, a tavern, and Levi Rutledge's milling complex. Over the following twenty-seven years, White Hall grew at a fast pace, and by the mid-1870s, the village was established as a station along the Northern Central Railroad. The 1877 county atlas indicates that White Hall included a general store, blacksmith shop, and saw mill in addition to the dwellings that had been constructed over the prior two decades. By 1881, the community's population had reached 100. In 1915, Thomas Peters resided in the dwelling at the intersection of Greystone Road and Wiseburg Road. The land surrounding the George L. Kroh House retains its rural character while the house remains a single-family residence.

This Italianate-style dwelling was constructed in 1856, with a circa 1915 renovation, fronting southeast on a steep hill that overlooks the intersection of Wiseburg and Graystone Roads. Standing two stories high, this three-bay-wide house has an asphalt shingle hipped roof with a square cupola. The cupola features a bracketed cornice and operating louvered wood shutters on all four sides. The raised basement consists of a parged foundation that is scored to look like ashlar stone. The foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with aluminum siding. The symmetrically pierced façade features two 2/2 windows flanking a central entry on each story. Both entries include a single-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights and surrounded by three-light paneled sides and a four-light transom. Aligned with these central entries is single-leaf vertical board door that pierces the basement level. Protecting the first-story is a wrap-around porch with square posts, a bracketed cornice, and a scroll-sawn balustrade. Since the house has a raised basement, the porch is supported by brick piers and accessed via a steep stair with a beveled handrail. Three interior-end brick chimneys that have been rebuilt rise from the roofline. The building features a two-story ell with a two-story shed roof addition on the rear and a one-story shed roof addition on the northeast elevation.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2638

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic George L. Kroh House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 18315 Peters Avenue not for publication

city, town White Hall vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Antonino Passaniti, and Doreen M. Brown-Passaniti

street and number 18315 Peters Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town White Hall state MD zip code 21161-9108

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 9290 folio 679

city, town Towson tax map 17 tax parcel 101 tax ID number 0712059050

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1856-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1856, 1915 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>2.85 Acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>New Freedom</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1856, the George L. Kroh House has been associated with the 2.85 acres of land known as tax parcel 101 of map 17 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 29, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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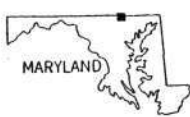
- 4392 TRACEY HOUSE  
19919 CAMERON MILL ROAD  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- 40' BA-0403  
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE  
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- 4391 120 000 FEET  
(PA.)
- 4390 BA-0998  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
19200 YORK ROAD
- BA-1153  
CASTLE CALDER  
19112 YORK ROAD
- BA-0995  
716 STABLERSVILLE ROAD  
PARKTON, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2201  
18918 CALDER AVENUE
- BA-2193  
707 MILLER ROAD
- 4389 BA-2194  
725 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2897  
BURNS-BOND HOUSE  
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2740  
BURNS HOUSE  
18404 GRAYSTONE ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- 4388 000m N. 73  
BA-0911  
OLD COOPER HOUSE  
1003 OLD BARN ROAD  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2638  
18315 PETERS AVENUE  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- 39°37'30" 76°37'30"  
BA-1205  
810 WISEBURG ROAD  
(PHOENIX)  
5663 II SE

LE BA-1142  
COOPER SCHOOL #6  
1012 ARMACOST ROAD  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	=====

U.S. Route     
 State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

# NEW FREEDOM, MD.-PA.

N 3937.5-W 7637.5/7.5

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

1958  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
AMS 5663 II NW-SERIES V833



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